

**ABSTRACT**

A system and method for exchanging data between a supplier and a buyer through the incorporation of both parties' backend systems is disclosed. When a buyer submits an order, it is sent to a data manager. The data manager extracts the relevant data from the incoming purchase order and translates it from the buyer-native format to a neutral format. The data manager can next translate the purchase order from the neutral format to the supplier-native format and send the translated purchase order to the supplier where it generally can be directly used by the supplier's backend system.

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